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SUMMARY: AT MEETING WITH UK PERMREP AND
FRENCH, FRB, NETHERLANDS, ITALIAN AND US CHARGES AUGUST 10,
ACTING SYG PANSA SAID GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS
HAD TOLD HIM AUGUST 10 THAT GOG DID NOT FAVOR NAC
MEETING TO DISCUSS THE GREEK-TURKISH DISPUTE OVER THE
AEGEAN, SINCE GOG COULD SEE NO RESULT USEFUL TO GREECE
FROM SUCH A MEETING. BASED ON INSTRUCTIONS, UK, FRG,
ITALIAN, FRENCH AND DUTCH REPS OPPOSED HOLDING NAC MEETING,
AND PANSA REPORTED THAT SYG LUNS ALSO SAW NO CURRENT
ROLE FOR THE COUNCIL. PANSA SAID THAT HE WOULD
INSTRUCT NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN TO SAY, IF ASKED, THAT NATO'S
ASYG WAS IN CONSTANT TOUCH
WITH THE TWO PARTIES IN ORDER TO STAY ABREAST OF
DEVELOPMENTS AND HAD URGED TO TAKE
ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.
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END SUMMARY.

1. PANSA SAID THAT GREEK
PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS AND TURKISH CHARGE ERLP HAD

PROMISED TO REPORT TO THEIR AUTHORITIES PANSAS EXPRESSION OF CONCERN AND REQUEST FOR RESTRAINT CONVEYED ON AUGUST 9 (USNATO 4420).

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH PANSAS AUGUST 10, LUNS SAID HE DID NOT FAVOR A NAC MEETING UNLESS REQUESTED BY ONE OF THE PARTIES TO THE DISPUTE OR A THIRD PARTY.

3. PANSAS ALSO REPORTED THAT, IN A MEETING WITH THEODOROPOULOS AUGUST 10, THE LATTER BRIEFED ON THE TURKISH REJECTION OF THE LATEST GREEK NOTE AND INDICATED GOG'S INTENTION TO ASK FOR UNSC MEETING. AT THE SAME TIME, ON INSTRUCTIONS, THEODOROPOULOS REPORTED THAT THE GOG BELIEVED A NAC MEETING WOULD NOT BE HELPFUL SINCE IT WOULD RESULT ONLY IN "EYE WASH" AND BE SEEN IN ATHENS AS ANOTHER INDICATION OF NATO'S INABILITY TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION. PANSAS TOLD THEODOROPOULOS HE HAD THREE CONCERNS: FIRST, HE WORRIED ABOUT CONVEYING A PUBLIC IMPRESSION IN GREECE THAT THE ALLIANCE WAS TAKING NO ACTION AND THAT THE ALLIES WERE NOT INTERESTED; SECOND, HE WANTED TO STAVE OFF, IF POSSIBLE, FUTURE GREEK RECRIMINATIONS ABOUT NATO'S ROLE; AND THIRD, HE WANTED TO REMIND GREEKS OF THE ROVISIONS OF THE REPORT OF THE THREE WISE MEN CALLING FOR UTILIZATION OF ALLIANCE MACHINERY IN RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES AMONG ALLIES.

4. BUWALDA (NETHERLANDS), BASED UPON A MESSAGE FROM DUTCH FONMIN VAN DER STOEL IN ATHENS, SAID THAT, IN LIGHT OF GOT REJECTION OF GREEK PROTEST AND DECISION TO TAKE THE ISSUE TO UNSC, VAN DET STOEL SAW NO PURPOSE IN CONVENING A NAC DISCUSSION. IN THIS CONNECTION, VAN DER STOEL UNDERLINED HIS VIEW THAT A DISCUSSION IN NAC COULD HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON GREECE UNLESS THE RESULTS WERE USEFUL TO THE GOG.

5. KILLICK (UK), REITERATING UK OPPOSITION TO A NAC
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MEETING, NOTED THAT CONVENING NAC WHEN THE UNSC WAS TO MEET COULD LEAD TO A GREEK REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR ITS POSITION IN THE UNSC.

6. DE LA FERRIERE (FRANCE) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES BELIEVED IT WAS TOO LATE FOR THE NAC TO PLAY A USEFUL ROLE AND FAVORED INDIVIDUAL DEMARCHES.

7. BUWALDA FORESAW A POSSIBLY TENSE SITUATION ARISING IF THE TURKS IGNORED A UNSC RESOLUTION AND BELIEVED THAT THE NAC MIGHT THEN HAVE A ROLE.

8. US CHARGE SAID THAT HE DID NOT YET HAVE INSTRUC-

TIONS AND THAT HE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH PANSA AS SOON AS THE VIEWS OF HIS AUTHORITIES WERE AVAILABLE.

9. IN RESPONSE TO US CHARGE'S QUESTION, BUWALDA REPORTED THAT, BECAUSE OF THEIR INABILITY TO AGREE ON AN APPROACH TO BE TAKEN WITH THE GOG AND GOT, THE EC-NINE HAD DECIDED AGAINST A DEMARCHE BY THE PRESIDENCY ON BEHALF OF THE NINE. HOWEVER, HE ASSUMED THAT THE NINE WOULD BE MAKING INDIVIDUAL APPROACHES.

10. PANSA SAID THAT HE WOULD NOT ADOPT A COMPLETELY PASSIVE POSTURE IN THE FACE OF POSSIBLE PRESS INQUIRES. THUS, HE INTENDED TO INSTRUCT NATO SPOKESMAN TO REPLY TO MEDIA QUESTIONS BY STATING THAT NATO'S ASYG, WHO WAS IN CONTACT WITH SYG LUNS, WAS IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH THE TWO PARTIES IN ORDER TO REMAIN INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. MOREOVER, HE WAS URGING THE PARTIES TO TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

11. PANSA ALSO UNDERTOOK TO INFORM OTHER DELEGATIONS OF THE PRESS LINE HE PLANNED TO PURSUE AND HIS DISINCLINATION TO CONVENE A NAC SESSION. STREATOR

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